

UNUSUAL PLANTS FOUND IN SALISBURY, CONNECTICUT.— On March 30, 1913 *Daphne Mezereum* L. was well in blossom. This plant was first brought to my attention about six years ago when a student brought a small twig for identification. Search revealed only three small shrubs. It has increased until now there is quite a large colony on a disintegrating limestone ledge and there are many scattering plants in the vicinity. I am told by Miss Mary Seymour that in the town of Norfolk *Daphne Mezereum* L. is so abundant as to make a very conspicuous color-spot on the hillsides when it is in blossom.

*Rumex mexicanus* Meisn. was first found four years ago in a mowing lot on the Wells Hill Road. It still persists in that field.

*Anthriscus Cerefolium* (L.) Hoffm. persists abundantly as a weed in a garden. It has been known there for many years.

In the same yard *Veronica Chamaedrys* L. has established itself in the lawn. It is not grown as a garden plant nor has it been for years.

*Equisetum pratense* Ehrh. is very abundant on both sides of the Central New England railroad north of Lakeville.— ORRA PARKER PHELPS, Canton, New York.

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SPIRAEA SALICIFOLIA IN ALBURG, VERMONT.— Mr. Sidney F. Blake, in RHODORA, xvi, 40 (1914), records the first discovery of *Spiraea salicifolia* L. in New England, at Swanton, Vermont, Aug. 24, 1911. Knowing of Mr. Blake's find, I have kept looking for this species in northwestern Vermont, but not till last summer, Aug. 26, 1913, did I succeed in finding it. All along the Rutland Railroad from Burlington northward I kept my eyes open for this bush, but not till the train reached the Alburg peninsula did I detect it from the car window. For once the train stopped opportunely, and I secured fairly good specimens, rather past flowering.

There seems to be a great deal of this species in Alburg, mostly in swampy places and I did not notice any *Spiraea latifolia* Borkh. The soil of the peninsula is largely marine clay, and geographically the region is like the broad Canadian plain at the north. It is only a short distance across Missiquoi Bay to the Swanton station for the plant. In appearance the bush is rather taller than our familiar meadowsweet, and the new growth is made up of many wand-like shoots which suggest the willow even more than do the numerous narrow leaves.— CLARENCE H. KNOWLTON, Hingham, Massachusetts.

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